

AMA-CHEWER

OUR SIXTY FIRST YEAR

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MEETINGS: 2nd and 4th Fridays each Month.
U. C. Missions Bldg.
222 S. Downey Ave.

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Next Meeting Sept. 10th. This is the first meeting of the Fall season, We hope you have had an enjoyable vacation and are now ready to get back into the swing of things. Bring along your vacation pictures and slides for others to enjoy. We will have a short business meeting and discussion of coming events and activities, also the usual refreshments. Be there.

PROGRAM REVIEWS: Homebrew Night June 11th. Six homebrewers competed for the three prizes. Dave Brown, W9CGI, Freq Counter, Mike Williams, K9QHO, an RTTY TU Unit with Phase Lock Loop; Tom Chance WB9KWS a 12 V. DC Power Supply and 100 Watt Hi Fi Amp. WB9DKL a 5 V. Regulated power supply; Paul WN9TJM, a gate dip oscillator and RF Probe for use with a VTVM. Jerry Lucas W9BS a Gate Dip Osc. Prizes won were, Mike Williams 1st. Paul Nava, 2nd. and Tom Chance 3rd. Our thanks to all who competed and congrats to the winners.

June 25th Auction Night. Approx 40 members and guests participated in friendly but heated bidding for the goodies and choice items which our junk boxes supplied. Alvey Pittman W9EL, out did himself as auctioneer, for the first half of the sale, being relieved by Louie Linthecome K9EAT who ably cleared the boards of all white elephants and assorted dogs (Louie excuse that) remaining. Fr Mac W9GZT gets the prize for buying the most tonnage. Hi. Our smiling Treas, Bill Lueth W9AI organized the sale which ran like a well greased machine and skipped to the bank with \$20.45, as the club's take of 10%. Thanks to everyone who helped make this one of the best auctions ever.

1976 INDY HAMFEST: Several thousand hams and visitors attended on Sunday July 11th. at the Marion County Fairgrounds. Smoothly running Forums activities for the Ladies and an extensive flea market, covering about 5 acres outdoors and more under roof were the highlights of the event. The WX this time was beautiful. Nice and clear, sunny, and hot, with a good breeze from the West. We do not applaud the very slow food service which could not provide anything to drink. One had to march to a small truck several hundred yards away for a tepid cola or fruit drink. Drinking water was hard to find around the area. Next time, bring your own, be prepared.

NEW AMA-CHEWER EDITOR: A well done and heaps of thanks to Mike Williams K9QHO for the Two Years of excellent work, editing the Ama-Chewer, You have made a significant contribution to the IRC by your Thore and loyal handling of a difficult chore. We are all in your debt.

Art Schultz, W9BR will take the Editor's job starting with this issue, Bill Lueth remains the publisher. The number of the HOT LINE to the editor Art is, 253-6657 and the HOT MAILBOX is at 2620 W. 58th St. 46208 Your news items will make the Ama-Chewer sparkle with interesting reading. Let's all jump in and give Art a hand with the NEWS,

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BUY YOUR HAM LICENSE: The FBI of Indianapolis is checking into a supposed ring of people who are telling prospective Hams they can get them a ticket for 200 green stamps. Mr Big in this operation is described as a Fed employ in Penn having access to FCC computers feeding fake info to obtain the ticket. The Indy agent O. Franklin Lowie confirmed this report, stating that several Indy people have been visited.

NEW RADIO CLUB: Art Schultz W9BR, presented a program on antennas at the Aug 4th Meeting of the Hamilton County Radio Club at Carmel, Ind. This is a recently organizes club, according to club Pres. Edward E. Parr. The Club has about 50 members meeting once a month in various members homes. Ed asks for help especially in the program areas, Can be reached via P. O. Box 81, Carmel Ind. 46032.

Item : WN novice Prefixes will be dropped Oct. 1976, due to computer complications at FCC. Present novices continue using their WN calls as is. Due to the rapid growth of Ham Radio, FCC will start issuing WD calls in the call areas 2, 4, 6, and 8. So don't expect your first WD to be a rare island. not atoll.

SPLATTER: Harry Butler, W9FU has a brand new QTH, He now Luxuriates on the far Southeast side, in a three bedroom brick and frame dwelling at 3534 Ferncliff Ave. 46227 A full basement provides plenty space for the hamshack as well as the family K9. The welcome mat is out.

Our newest member, Willard M. Walsh of Beech Grove WB9UMB has donated through the IRC, the Arrl Libray Packet of ARRL publications to the Beech Grove Public Library. The IRC was happy to cooperate in this very generous act on your part.

Cross Bartlett, K4EU is back in the harness after a bad bout with pneumonia last winter. Bart has sold his home on Knollton Rd. and will be living in Florida in the winter, returning to Indy to spend some time with his sons here. His Fla. QTH is 1299 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, Bart is active on SSB and Rtty 75 thru 10.

BICENTENNIAL NOTE: Sept. 1776. Passersby report that our Ben Franklin No call, of Philadelphia is putting several 2 meter verticals on his house and each connected to ground rods. Ben hopes to attract signals from the clouds in heavy storms to these verticals to prevent them from going down the chimney along the carboned surfaces, thus raising the temperaturre of the house several thousand degrees.

SILENT KEYS: Charles Manning, W9GGP a lifelong resident member of IRC. Licensed in 1927, passed away on June 14th 1976, Charlie retired from the trucking business two years ago and was active on all bands. Death was due to Cardiac Arrest while operating his boat on Eagle Creek Reservoir.

Brooks Short, W9AD of Anderson Ind. Passed away Late June 1976. Many of the old timers of the club remember Brooks for his heated arguments with old D J. Angus on such subjects as Phone vs CW. Crystal Control vs self excited. Brooks has provide the club with numerous interesting programs and discussions.

MIKE KESS, WB9BPG is the new owner-manager of Van-Sickle Radio Supply Co having purchased Gene Van-Sickles business as a July 9, 1976, Dick Kess WB9WAI is the owner and will continue to operate his Press shop. Les Bannon, W9ZTD will serve as Industrial Sales manager. The new management plans to increase Amateur Radio items and provide equipment repair services for Ham and Communications outfits. We wish the new management much success.